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Art Unit: 3731

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Title: Medical Tack with a Variable Effective Length

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- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

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